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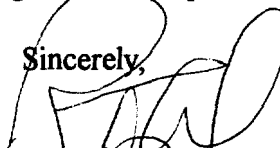
Re: COMMENTS
Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
FM Table of Allotments
FM Broadcast Stations
(Pana, Taylorville, and Macon, Illinois)
MM Docket No. 00-160; RM-9928

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Kaskaskia Broadcasting, Inc., the licensee of WEGY(FM), Pana, Illinois, and Miller Communications, Inc., the licensee of WMKR(FM), Taylorville, Illinois, is an original and four copies of their Comments in support of amending the FM Table of Allotments to: (1) reallocate Channel 265A from Pana to Macon, Illinois, as that community's first local aural service, and to modify the facilities of WEGY(FM), Pana, Illinois to specify operation on Channel 265A at Macon, Illinois; and (2) reallocate Channel 232A from Taylorville to Pana, Illinois, so that Pana will continue to have a local aural service, and to modify the facilities of WMKR(FM), Taylorville, Illinois to specify operation on Channel 232A at Pana, Illinois.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please contact this office directly.

Sincerely,



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In the Matter of)
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(Pana, Taylorville, and Macon, Illinois))

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

COMMENTS

Kaskaskia Broadcasting, Inc., the licensee of WEGY(FM), Pana, Illinois, and Miller Communications, Inc., the licensee of WMKR(FM), Taylorville, Illinois (together the "Petitioners"), by their attorneys, hereby submit their Comments in support of amending the Table of Allotments for FM Broadcast Stations, 47 C.F.R. 73.202(b), to: (1) reallocate Channel 265A from Pana to Macon, Illinois, as that community's first local aural service, and to modify the facilities of WEGY(FM), Pana, Illinois to specify operation on Channel 265A at Macon, Illinois; and (2) reallocate Channel 232A from Taylorville to Pana, Illinois, so that Pana will continue to have a local aural service, and to modify the facilities of WMKR(FM), Taylorville, Illinois to specify operation on Channel 232A at Pana, Illinois (hereafter "Petitioners' Allotment Plan"). In support whereof, the following is respectfully submitted for the Commission's consideration:

1. The public interest will be served by adopting Petitioners' Allotment Plan. In addition to resulting in a preferential arrangement of allotments, Petitioners Allotment Plan will provide additional overall public interest benefits.¹ Petitioners' Allotment Plan will permit Macon, Illinois to have its first local aural service (WEGY(FM) operating on Channel 265A) without removing the sole local service at Pana, Illinois. Pana, Illinois will receive local service

¹ Petitioners hereby incorporate by reference their Petition for Rulemaking filed on June 7, 2000.

from WMKR(FM) operating on Channel 232A.

2. The overall public interest benefits include the following. Macon is a fast-growing community, as people continue to move from cities to small towns throughout the State of Illinois. Thus, it is important for Macon to have its own local radio station to address local issues and to provide local information to the growing Macon population. Because Macon currently has few outlets for public expression, the addition of a local radio voice will be particularly vital. It will give the Macon community an outlet that it has not had before. This will be particularly important because Macon will have increased traffic through the community as a result of the expansion of U.S. Route 51. Currently, U.S. Route 51, a four-lane highway, ends at the northern city limits of Macon. Because of the growth of the Macon area, the State of Illinois granted funding for expansion of this highway. In a few years, U.S. Route 51 will be expanded in a southerly direction through Macon towards Moweaqua, Illinois. Consequently, a local radio station that can reach the Macon community as well as those traveling through Macon on U.S. Route 51 will become an indispensable source of valuable information to the listening public.

3. Kaskaskia Broadcasting, Inc. hereby reiterates its present intention to apply for Channel 265A when allotted to Macon, Illinois, and when authorized to build the modified WEGY(FM) facilities promptly and commence operation of WEGY(FM) on Channel 265A at Macon, Illinois.

4. Miller Communications, Inc. hereby reiterates its present intention to apply for Channel 232A when allotted to Pana, Illinois, and when authorized to build the modified WMKR(FM) facilities promptly and commence operation of WMKR(FM) on Channel 232A at Pana, Illinois.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Commission: (1) reallocate Channel 265A from Pana to Macon, Illinois and modify the facilities of WEGY(FM) to specify operation on Channel 265A at Macon, Illinois; and (2) reallocate Channel 232A from Taylorville to Pana, Illinois and modify the facilities of WMKR(FM) to specify operation on Channel 232A at Pana, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

**KASKASKIA BROADCASTING, INC.
and
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